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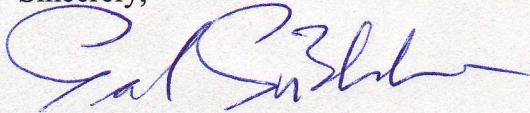
Dr. Robert Pierattini  
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Burlington, VT

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the recently completed 120-day Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC) Report dated October 31, 2005. The Division of Mental Health welcomes this report as an opportunity to improve both the administrative operations and ongoing patient care services at the Vermont State Hospital. The report appears to successfully maintain a broad overview of the Vermont State Hospital systems development needs and offers a problem-focused approach with some specific interventions for implementation. Additionally, the report contains many observations and recommendations that will serve as the basis for forging a stronger and more focused collaboration between the State of Vermont Department of Health and Fletcher Allen Health Care for psychiatric inpatient care services.

The Division of Mental Health agrees with a collegial approach to various work responsibilities identified in the report and proposes a close working relationship between the Department of Health and FAHC administrative and clinical services representatives to achieve this end. This report signifies an important starting point toward a sustained long-term spirit of collaboration between our two organizations. I look forward to facing these challenges together in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Paul Blake, MSW  
Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health